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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 AND 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) that the Examiner may deem material to the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d); or (2) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and, therefore,

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no Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required. However, inasmuch as a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) **can** be made, Applicant submits the same concurrently herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within thirty days from the date of issuance (May 9, 2003) of a European Search Report in connection with counterpart Application No. EP 01 30 6544 and, therefore, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is also attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the aforementioned European Search Report citing such documents and indicating the degree of relevance found by the searching authority.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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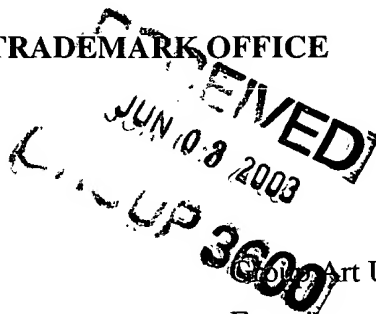
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